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end of the state, it's going to require numerous trips...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...to Lincoln to be able to answer the questions. The other thing then is the timeliness, the process you go through, the 45 days. If somebody comes in there can be a court action. And all this is then tied in with a vote of the local constituency, which only happens every two years, unless you want a special election. I recognize the intent. I sympathize with what Senator Warner was trying to accomplish. But I think the implementation and the process that we're asking will only be more burdensome to what we're trying to accomplish with government in looking at collaboration and efficiency, and that three, that 306 will not do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Madam President and members of the body, I would indicate to you that it's my belief that 306, the committee amendment, isn't probably the final answer as we move through this process. I would suggest that in this section of statute we have also provided for a study of the, of the feasibility of a local level review. The concerns are, I think, were well articulated by Senator Hillman, and that is that the people of the state of Nebraska, for major building projects, and I'm setting aside for the moment the concerns that are incumbent within the 12 cent special building fund levy that applies to, to schools, but speaking to the rest of use of local government, that there needs to be some assurances that, in fact, when the levy is, is capped in the manner that it was on 1114, that there aren't opportunities to not cooperate. The only way 1114 will work, quite frankly, is that way that is being demonstrated by many, many, many units of government in the state of Nebraska. We didn't think up these ideas, we had the knowledge of various cooperative activities, coordinated looks that are going on in much of Nebraska today. I think Senator Crosby mentioned the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission, which has been doing stuff similar to this for a number of decades, it's my understanding. Those have worked well. LB 306 is an application of that principle to the rest of the state of Nebraska in order to ensure that what we do with